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Claims 9-12, 14, 19, 23-45, 47, 48, 50 and 51 are pending in this application, with claims 9-12, 23, 27, 32, 37, 47, and 50 being independent. Claims 23-45 have been previously withdrawn.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Doty and Examiner Whitehead for participating in a personal interview with applicant's representative on August 28, 2006. The substance of the interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

Independent claims 9 and 10 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada (U.S. Patent No. 6,280,559) in view of Bando (U.S. Patent No. 5,276,999) and Yoneda (U.S. Patent No. 6,392,340).

Independent claim 9 recites: "forming a light emitting element emitting red light, a light emitting element emitting green light and a light emitting element emitting blue light at a front surface of a substrate" and "bonding a red color filter adjacent to the light emitting element emitting red light, a green color filter adjacent to the light emitting element emitting green light and a blue color filter adjacent to the light emitting element emitting blue light at the polished back surface of the substrate." Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 because neither Terada, Bando, Yoneda, nor any proper combination of the three describes or suggests forming the recited red, green, and blue light emitting elements at a front surface of a substrate and bonding a red color filter, a green color filter, and a blue color filter adjacent to the red light emitting element, the green light emitting element, and the blue light emitting element, respectively, at a back surface of the same substrate.